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April 10, 2003

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS ADJUSTMENTS TOTALING \$290,000
FOR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION'S YOUTH PUBLIC
EDUCATION CAMPAIGN "MAKE IT HAPPEN" INITIATIVE AND
FOR HUMAN RELATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN
UNINCORPORATED AREAS (4 Votes)**

(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the attached appropriations adjustments totaling \$290,000
and increase the Commission on Human Relations Services and
Supplies budget by \$290,000.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION

The recommended action will provide reimbursement for expenditures incurred and is necessary to restore appropriations required for priority programs such as the planned implementation of the countywide Youth Public Education Campaign (YPEC) Initiative and the Outreach and Capacity Building Initiative (OCBI) for unincorporated areas.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board action promotes the Board-approved County Vision Statement, particularly with respect to diversity as a value, and the following County Strategic Plan goals:

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- Organizational Effectiveness - Ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective, and goal-oriented (capacity building component of the project).
- Service Excellence - Provide the public with easy access to quality information and services that are both beneficial and responsive (the media campaign component of the project).
- Fiscal Responsibility – Strengthen the County's fiscal capacity (by pursuing alternative sources of funding departmental programs – SB 551 reimbursement).
- Public Safety – Increase the safety and security of all residents of Los Angeles County through well-coordinated, comprehensive response and recovery plans for terrorist incidents.
- Community Services – Improve the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles County's unincorporated communities by offering a wide-range of department coordinated services responsive to each community's specific needs (OCBI component of the project).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact on the County general fund and additional employees will not be required.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

SB 551 Reimbursement

As your Board will recall, the Commission on Human Relations and the Department of Mental Health were granted permission to seek reimbursement from the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for costs incurred for delivery of services and programs countywide to mitigate the effects of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. State Senate Bill 551, which was signed into law on September 25, 2001, offered limited reimbursement to counties for (a) providing technical assistance in the promotion of tolerance for individuals whose national origin or religion may be targets of discrimination as a result of terrorism; and for (b) providing group mental health counseling for those suffering trauma as a result of terrorism.

In July 2002, the Commission submitted a claim to the State for reimbursement of costs totaling approximately \$302,000 and, in December, 2002, we received reimbursement of \$246,000. (An additional \$166,338 in personnel costs resulting from implementing SB 551 defined services and programs was not reimbursed as they were not the result of overtime hours incurred.) Expenditures that the Commission incurred, and that are reflected in the

reimbursement, were funded through a combination of the Commission's General Fund budget dollars and its Security Action Plan appropriations.

John Anson Ford Human Relations Awards Event

The Commission annually holds the John Anson Ford (JAF) Awards Event. The event publicly recognizes individuals and organizations within Los Angeles County who have made noteworthy contributions to the Commission's cause of promoting positive intergroup relations, and helps raise needed funds for our work.

This year, our department incurred \$44,000 in expenditures from its General Fund budget to cover costs associated with production of the JAF Event. The event was a programmatic and financial success. The contributions of the individuals recognized, and the level of involvement and support received from the entertainment industry, business, corporate entities, and the media made it one of the best ever held. The Commission raised more than the \$44,000 in expenses through the event, and has been reimbursed \$44,000 from the John Anson Ford Trust Fund for the financial support advanced from its General Fund budget. In anticipation that the FY 2003-2004 JAF Event will require similar support, the Commission's Budget Request has been structured to reflect this requirement as well as the anticipated revenue that will be received.

The \$290,000 in combined SB 551 and JAF financial resources will allow the Commission to cover budgeted Services and Supplies expenditures, as well as move forward in strategically addressing a range of lessons learned issues that arose post-9/11. The Commission proposes to strategically utilize these additional resources related to SB 551 to (a) step up programs to promote tolerance during times of war and potential terrorism; (b) strengthen the Countywide Youth Public Education Campaign (YPEC) Initiative; and, (c) put into place human relations strategies to assist the Commission and its community partners in its Outreach and Capacity Building Initiative (OCBI) for unincorporated areas.

Promoting tolerance during these times of war and the heightened threats of terrorism speaks to the need for broader institutionalization of Commission efforts countywide to combat hate crime/hate incidents, intolerance and discrimination and to promote conflict resolution and positive intergroup relations. The current war in Iraq and other threatened armed conflict intensify the climate of uncertainty concerning what they foretell for widespread acts of terrorism to take place in this country. These funds will meet the pressing need at this time for a redoubling of Commission efforts to build a human relations infrastructure that can provide partners and key stakeholders with the tools and approaches needed to prevent hate crimes and incidents that were experienced in record numbers by members of the LA County community after 9/11.

The Commission's Youth Public Education Campaign's (YPEC) "Make it Happen" component will advance student safety, and improve the well-being of children and families in the County by partnering with human relations organizations serving youth and increasing the number of programs that provide human relations knowledge and skills at targeted schools. It will also

expand the reach of the youth public education campaign through production and distribution of additional educational and campaign-related materials such as posters and CDs.

The proposed Outreach and Capacity Building Initiative (OCBI) for Unincorporated Areas will focus upon improving the quality of life for residents in Los Angeles County's unincorporated communities, by including human relations services that are responsive to those communities' needs. The outreach will include trainings for law enforcement on hate crimes; trainings for municipal agencies on hate and discrimination; outreach and educational offerings to school officials, educational institutions, and various communities within the unincorporated areas via promotional materials, e-newsletters and inclusion in the HRMAC Showcase annual conference that brings together the county's municipal human relations commissions.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTS

This action provides the Human Relations Commission with replacement for some of its budgetary resources, which were expended in response to extraordinary requirements, post-September 11, 2001. It will permit the Commission to capitalize upon the experiences gained and to develop and put in place significant structural programmatic changes that shore up Los Angeles County's human relations infrastructure. In doing so, the County will be equipped with a human relations framework that provides a broadly focused intergroup relations/conflict management response system for deployment during crises. Through its Youth Public Education Campaign Initiative, the County will also have an educational component which focuses upon development of ongoing, progressive awareness and constructive involvement of youth in structured opportunities for experiencing positive human relations.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin S. Toma
Executive Director
Commission on Human Relations

RST:ES

Attachments (2)

- Budget Adjustment
- Memorandum on SB 551 Reimbursement

C: Chief Administrative Officer
Board Executive Officer
Auditor- Controller

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT NO.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 14, 2003

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR

ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2002-03(4 VOTES)SOURCES

Commission for Human Relations

Revenue - State - Other

A01 - BS - 19050 - 8831

\$246,000USES

Commission for Human Relations

Services & Supplies

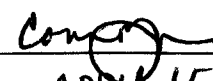
A01 - BS - 19050 - 2000

\$246,000JUSTIFICATION

Reflects SB551 reimbursement for expenditures incurred and to restore appropriations required for the Youth Public Education Campaign (YPEC) Initiative and the Outreach and Capacity Building Initiative (OCBI) for unincorporated areas.


Chief, Fiscal Services

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR---	ACTION	APPROVED AS REQUESTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AS REVISED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION	April 16 2003	Robert L. Muench	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY 	APR 15 2003	APPROVED (AS REVISED): BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	20
NO. 205		BY	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT NO.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 25, 2003

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

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FY 2002-03**(4 VOTES)**SOURCES

Commission on Human Relations

~~Reimbursement of Expense~~ **Special Events**A01 - BS - 19050 - ~~9734~~ **R910****\$44,000**USES

Commission on Human Relations

Services & Supplies

A01 - BS - 19050 - 2000

\$44,000JUSTIFICATION

Reflects an increase in revenue and S&S appropriation for the Commission on Human Relations for expenditures incurred as a result of advancing event development and operating support funding for the 2002-03 John Anson Ford Annual Awards Event.


Chief, Fiscal Services

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR—	ACTION	APPROVED AS REQUESTED	AS REVISED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION	<u>March 10 2003</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Robert J. Muench</u> CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY <u>Connie Yu</u>	APPROVED (AS REVISED):	20	
NO. <u>167</u>	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	BY	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
<u>MARCH 4 2003</u>			



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
SUPERVISOR FIFTH DISTRICT

January 10, 2002

TO: Marvin J. Southard
Director, Department of Mental Health

Robin S. Tomas
Executive Director, Commission on Human Relations

FROM: MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Supervisor, Fifth District

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT UNDER
PARAMETERS OF SENATE BILL 551

The memo will serve to grant permission for your office to seek reimbursement under parameters of Senate Bill 551 for costs incurred for the post-September 11 event months.

MDA:rkrc